

RES23-192
Testimony

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Meeting Date: Oct 4, 2023 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 43

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

Name: Neil Abercrombie	Email: governor.neil@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 30, 2023 @ 04:02 PM

Name: Brandon Ili	Email: admin@hoeisf.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 2, 2023 @ 10:54 AM

Name: Dori Palcovich	Email: doripal@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 2, 2023 @ 12:20 PM

Testimony:

I strongly suggest the nomination of Ms. Joy Kimura for the City and County's Planning Commission. I have known Ms. Kimura for nearly 25 years both professionally and personally. She is a hardworking, conscientious, motivated individual that gets the job done. Her experience working with Neil Abercrombie in Washington DC, at DBEDT, DLNR, with Senator Kouchi at the state legislature and at LECET for 8+ years have provided her with a strong background and tremendous knowledge base in governmental affairs, the state's construction industry and its labor unions.

Thank you for allowing me to provide testimony in support of Ms. Kimura's nomination.

Name: Kimberly Jones	Email: kim.jones@kjonestax.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 2, 2023 @ 12:25 PM

Testimony:

Aloha,

I am writing in support of Joy Kimura's appointment to the planning commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

Joy has the career experience to be a valued contributing member of the commission. Just as, if not more, important she is committed to the betterment of our community. From my experience working closely with Joy on the non-profit board of Soroptimist International of Honolulu I have found Joy to be intelligent, compassionate and incredibly diligent and hard working. I know that she will do a wonderful job of representing all of us.

Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Nelisa Asato	Email: asatonelisa@gmail.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 2, 2023 @ 01:38 PM

Testimony:

Dear Chair Waters and Members of the Honolulu City Council:

I offer written testimony in my personal capacity in support of Resolution 23-192, which appoints Joy Kimura to the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

I have worked with Ms. Kimura and find her to be thoughtful, honest, and hardworking. She has a wide range of valuable expertise that will benefit the Planning Commission. I admire her strong desire to serve our City.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Ms. Kimura's nomination to the Planning Commission.

Sincerely,

Nelisa Asato		
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 2, 2023 @ 02:07 PM
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Representing: hawai'i friends of civil rights	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 2, 2023 @ 02:19 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Testimony:</p> <p>I STRONGLY SUPPORT MS. JOY KIMURA TO SERVE ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.</p> <p>Ms. Kimura is well-informed about community needs and has government and private organizational experience that will help her be a responsible member of the Planning Commission. She has a track record of making good decisions, is independent and hard working. I am also grateful for her active community service.</p> <p>Amy Agbayani, co-chair Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights</p>		
Name: Howard Wiig	Email: howard.c.wiig@hawaii.gov	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 2, 2023 @ 03:00 PM
Name: Stephen Gomes	Email: segomes808@gmail.com	Zip: 96797
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 2, 2023 @ 03:12 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Aloha Chairperson Kia</p> <p>It is with great pleasure and extreme confidence I once again submit my testimony in support of Joy Kimura's nomination for a seat on the City & County of Honolulu's Planning Commission.</p> <p>Joy's long commitment to serving her community is clearly reflected in her resume through the many organizations she has been a part of over her lifetime.</p> <p>Her devotion to doing her best is apparent in the various awards she has garnered over her many years of service to our community. I would be remiss if I didn't specifically point out her 2023 American Mothers Organization award as Hawaii State Mother of the Year.</p> <p>While being a single mom caring for two young minds presents many daily challenges, Joy still manages to fulfill all her work, civic and volunteer duties/responsibilities without failure.</p> <p>I am certain your decision to approve her nomination will yield great results as the City and County Planning Commission faces a myriad of complex situations in our ever changing island community.</p> <p>With much Aloha Steve Gomes, Waipahu, Oahu</p>		
Name: Kamala Nayeli	Email: kalanayeli@gmail.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 2, 2023 @ 03:47 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Dear members of the Honolulu City Council,</p> <p>Please accept my testimony in support of Joy Kimura nomination for the Planning Commission. For over a decade, I have come</p>		

to know Joy Kimura very well. Joy is a dedicated parent and hardworking professional who contributes a great deal to our community. She is insightful, compassionate and selfless in her service to others.

As Director of Spa & Wellness at Halekulani, I am a member of two prominent organizations with Joy, the Organization of Woman Leaders (OWL) and Soroptimist (SIH), the latter of which she is currently serving as President.

For these reasons and more, I strongly support the nomination of Joy Kimura to serve on the City and County of Honolulu's Planning Commission.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Kamala Nayeli

Name: Jade Butay	Email: david.j.rodriguez@hawaii.gov	Zip: 96814
Representing: Hawaii Department of Labor and Industrial Relations	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 2, 2023 @ 03:56 PM

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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 2, 2023 @ 04:03 PM

Testimony:
Ms. Joy Kimura serves as an asset to the organizations in which she participates. I see her organization and careful thought in speaking on issues that require careful consideration. She shows great integrity and evaluates the various perspectives presented to her. I support her appointment to the City and County of Honolulu Planning Commission.

Name: Paulette Suzuki	Email: suzukip002@icloud.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 2, 2023 @ 04:10 PM

Name: Gladys Marrone	Email: gladysmarrone@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 2, 2023 @ 04:13 PM

Testimony:
Aloha Chair Waters and City Council members,

My name is Gladys Marrone and I am submitting testimony in strong support of Ms. Joy Kimura's confirmation to the Honolulu Planning Commission.

I have known Ms. Kimura for about fifteen years, working with her through government and the construction industry. Ms. Kimura has always been fair, honest, and thoughtful in her deliberation of issues which, along with her professional experience, will serve her well as a member of the Planning Commission.

I appreciate the opportunity to offer my strong support of Ms. Joy Kimura's confirmation to the Honolulu Planning Commission.

Name: Brennon Morioka	Email: bmorioka@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 2, 2023 @ 04:14 PM

Name: Stefanie Sakamoto	Email: stef@sakamotoconsulting.com	Zip: 96789
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 2, 2023 @ 04:36 PM
Name: Edean Rivera	Email: edean808@gmail.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 2, 2023 @ 05:26 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I strongly support the appointment of Ms Joy Kimura to serve as a member of the Planning Commission. I met Joy as a member of the National Association of Women in Construction Hawaii Chapter. Joy served as the Chairperson of the Legislative Awareness Committee for several years and she demonstrated dedication to serve with excellence, respect, and integrity. I am confident that Joy will be an asset to the Planning Commission.</p>		
Name: Joseph Omura	Email: josephomura@yahoo.com	Zip: 96818
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 2, 2023 @ 06:05 PM
Name: Lynn Araki-Regan	Email: arakiregan@gmail.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 2, 2023 @ 08:32 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Over the last three years, I have had the opportunity to get to know Ms. Joy Kimura through various community activities, events, and programs. Through my dealings with her, I observed Ms. Kimura to be extremely responsive. She is always willing to help on matters and to offer solutions to challenges that are presented to her.</p> <p>Ms. Kimura is a dedicated, tireless, thoughtful, and collaborative leader who possesses the skills, tenacity, temperament, and aptitude needed to be a valuable member of the Planning Commission, or any other local board, state commission, or non-profit organization.</p> <p>In addition to Ms. Kimura's strengths as discussed above, she has the following positive traits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent oral and written communication skills • An impressive range of professional and public contacts • A strong passion and desire to advocate for the community • A real sense and pulse of the community which is always evolving • The ability to speak to the public and maintain her composure if faced with criticism • Deep sincerity and concern for justice, fairness, public safety, good health for families in Hawai'i <p>For these reasons, I firmly believe that Ms. Kimura will be a highly productive and engaged member of the Planning Commission.</p> <p>Should you need any additional information, please feel free to contact me.</p> <p>Sincerely yours,</p> <p>Lynn A.S. Araki-Regan</p>		
Name: Keith Regan	Email: Regan808@gmail.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 2, 2023 @ 09:06 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Honorable Council Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'ina, and members of the Honolulu City Council,</p>		

I am writing to express my strong support for the confirmation of Joy Kimura as a member of the Honolulu Planning Commission. I believe that Joy's qualifications, dedication, and passion make her an outstanding candidate for this important role.

I have had the privilege of knowing Joy for several years, both personally and professionally. Her extensive and diverse experience, coupled with her deep commitment to the well-being and sustainable development of our city, makes her an ideal candidate for the Planning Commission. Her ability to analyze complex issues, think critically, and work collaboratively with diverse stakeholders is truly commendable.

Joy has a proven track record of contributing positively to our community. Her involvement in local organizations, such as Soroptimist International, Organization of Women Leaders (OWL), DBEDT for Business Toastmasters, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, and Hawaii Chamber of Commerce, demonstrates her commitment to making Honolulu a better place to live, work, and thrive. Her passion and forward-thinking approach is evident in her work, and I have no doubt that she will bring fresh perspectives and innovative ideas to the Planning Commission.

Furthermore, Joy's dedication to transparency, inclusivity, and community engagement aligns perfectly with the values we should expect from a Planning Commissioner. Her ability to listen to the concerns and aspirations of our residents and incorporate them into her decision-making process will undoubtedly enhance the commission's effectiveness.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly endorse Joy Kimura for the position of a member of the Honolulu Planning Commission. Her knowledge, experience, and unwavering commitment to our city's sustainable growth and development make her an exceptional candidate for this vital role. I humbly urge you to confirm her appointment and am confident that she will serve our community with the utmost integrity and dedication.

Thank you for considering my endorsement of Joy Kimura, and I look forward to witnessing the positive impact she will undoubtedly have on the City and County of Honolulu.

Sincerely,

Keith Regan

Name: Stephanie Hamano	Email: shelbush@yahoo.com	Zip: 96818
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 2, 2023 @ 09:45 PM

Testimony:

My name is Stephanie Hamano and I am writing in support of Joy Kimura's appointment to the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu. I am in my 20th year in non-profit administration and have crossed paths with many individuals in the community who want to support non-profits for self-serving reasons. Joy is an upstanding member of the community who gives her time and resources to causes that support the betterment of the lives of citizens in our community for reasons that are purely altruistic. In her career she works to ensure that all workers are paid properly on government contracts, and advocates for fair pay. She is a member of various service organizations and gives her personal time and resources to support the goal of financial independence for women through gainful employment and generously supports many other community-based organizations whose goal is to help individuals achieve better outcomes for themselves, their families and the larger community. Joy is a woman of integrity and morals, advocates for what is right and fair, and she would be an invaluable addition to the Commission.

Name: Tammie Oka	Email: tammieoka@me.com	Zip: 96826
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 2, 2023 @ 10:24 PM

Testimony:

I support the appointment of Joy Kimura to serve on the Planning Commission.

Name: Dean Masai	Email: D49Masai@gmail.com	Zip: 96815
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Support	Oct 3, 2023 @ 03:09 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Dear Chair Waters and Members of the Honolulu City Council:</p> <p>I support Ms. Joy Y.N. Kimura as a member of the City & County of Honolulu Planning Commission. I am thrilled that Mayor Rick Blangiardi has nominated Joy for this important role. Joy's leadership skills, determination to accomplish her tasks well, and her helpfulness and patience as a team player will assist the Planning Commission with its mission.</p> <p>I have known Joy for the the past few years as an officer in the DBEDT for Business Toastmasters Club. She has been the club vice president of public relations and vice president of membership for the past three years and has done an outstanding job. She has been a stalwart member and supporter of the club's goals. Her logical and creative thinking has helped enroll new members and assisted current members with their questions and challenges. Her leadership and enthusiasm were welcomed additions to the organization's executive committee.</p> <p>I am sure that Joy's broad education, experience, and positive attitude will assist the Planning Commission with its projects and challenges.</p>		
Name: Lisa Broulik	Email: lbroulik@caselombardi.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 3, 2023 @ 04:41 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Dear Honorable Council Chair Waters and members of the Honolulu City Council:</p> <p>I am writing to provide my strong support for Joy Kimura's appointment to the Planning Commission.</p> <p>I have had the pleasure of working directly with Ms. Kimura in our capacities as board members of the non-profit Soroptimist International of Honolulu. In that role, I have witnessed firsthand her undeniable dedication to her community and genuine desire to effect positive outcomes for those around her. Further, she can bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Planning Commission with her extensive history working with a variety of local business organizations. Joy is honest, genuine, is a great collaborator, and I am truly inspired by her ability to accomplish important tasks with grace. She possesses all of the necessary qualities that I believe would make her an ideal candidate for the Planning Commission.</p> <p>I sincerely recommend Joy Kimura for this role and believe that she will be a great asset for the Commission and our community.</p> <p>Mahalo, Lisa Broulik</p>		
Name: Keith Kido	Email: keith@tilecoinc.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Tileco Inc.	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 3, 2023 @ 06:42 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Honorable Members of the City Council,</p> <p>I fully support the appointment of Joy Kimura to serve on the C&C Planning Commission. She would bring a wealth of experience and expertise to the planning commission. I have known Joy for over 10 years and continue to admire her work ethic and integrity she applies to all of her endeavors. Her appointment would have a positive impact for the citizens of the C&C of Honolulu.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Keith Y . Kido</p>		
Name: ORLANDO RARANGOL	Email: orarangol@gmail.com	Zip: 96797
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 3, 2023 @ 07:09 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I've known Joy for the past 7 years, and within these relatively short years, I've come to know an intelligent, unselfish, hard-</p>		

working person with a passionate and aggressive go-get-um attitude. There are no obstacles that could stand in her way when she's laser-beam focused on finishing something. Her list of accomplishments and credentials both professional and personal are impressively extensive. So much so that with even such a hectic schedule, she's also managed to be that positive influence in the upbringing of her two children and become this year's Hawai'i Mother of the Year (see "Midweek", May 24, 2023 issue). I truly believe her appointment to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu will be a tremendous asset for all of us!

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Name: Patti Laba	Email: pattilaba@hotmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Soroptimist International of Honolulu	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 3, 2023 @ 07:41 AM

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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 3, 2023 @ 09:50 AM

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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 3, 2023 @ 10:11 AM

Name: Bennette Misalucha	Email: bennette.misalucha808@gmail.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 3, 2023 @ 10:15 AM

Testimony:
My name is Bennette Misalucha, and I wholeheartedly support the nomination of Joy Kimura to the City's Planning Commission. I commend Mayor Blangiardi for taking cognizance of one of our community's hard working and dedicated individuals and appointing her to this important role.

I have known Joy for more than a decade and she has always impressed me with her quick grasp of a particular issue and her ability to balance these pressing issues with the community's needs. Smart, a lifelong learner, a committed volunteer, she always comes from a good place, and brings her positive spirit into anything she undertakes. Throughout her work at the Hawaii LECET Fund, she has proven herself to be a collaborator and has been able to bring people together in the spirit of aloha. In this world filled with contention and fractured relationships, we need people like Joy who can be the the spirit of reason.

When one reads her past experiences, one is struck by the diversity of roles she has fulfilled. Starting with a job at the US Probation office, to being a Global Marketing Manager, to her current role as a Government Relations and Compliance officer, Joy brings a wealth of experience to the Planning Commission role. I believe the insights she gained throughout her career will serve her well as she is presented with the diversity of issues that one can anticipate at the Planning Commission.

I also know Joy personally, and I believe she has integrity and fortitude. She will be able to stand her ground in deliberating challenging and difficult issues and can be counted on to do what is right for our community, for our people. Of that, I have no doubt.

I join the many voices who have endorsed and nominated this selection and hope that the City Council would vote yes on Joy Kimura's nomination.

Respectfully Yours,
Bennette Misalucha

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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 3, 2023 @ 10:24 AM
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Representing: Hawaii State AFL-CIO	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 3, 2023 @ 10:39 AM
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Representing: Int'l Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local Union 1186	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 3, 2023 @ 10:54 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Chair Waters,</p> <p>IBEW Local Union 1186 strongly supports the confirmation of Joy Kimura's appointment to the Planning Commission. Her knowledge and unique professional experience will lend itself to the diversity of the Commission.</p> <p>Dion Dizon Business Representative IBEW Local Union 1186 Unit 2 (Federal Sector)</p>		
Name: Catherine Lederer	Email: LCSP@hawaflcio.org	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 3, 2023 @ 10:59 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I have had the pleasure of working with Joy Kimura for several years and would like to offer my full support to Joy to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu. She is always professional, hardworking, driven, dedicated, and knowledgeable. In my experience of working with Joy, she has been supportive, is a great collaborator, and is someone I can count on. I hope that you approve her appointment. She will be an asset to the commission and to the community.</p>		
Name: Valentino Ceria	Email: vceria@hilocal675.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Plumbers & Fitters UA Local 675	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 3, 2023 @ 11:55 AM
Name: Sudagar Dhandapani	Email: dsudagar@gmail.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 3, 2023 @ 01:07 PM
Name: Ananda Ferreira	Email: anandachou@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 3, 2023 @ 02:01 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Dear Chair Waters and Councilmembers,</p> <p>My name is Ananda Ferreira and I am the President Elect for the Organization of Women Leaders (OWL), a nonprofit organization</p>		

dedicated to developing a network of contacts among women in decision-making positions to promote effectiveness on the job, and professional advancement. I have had the privilege of serving on the OWL board with Joy for the past two years, and known her as an active member and community leader through OWL since before she was elected as OWL Woman Leader of The Year in 2021.

Joy was recognized as OWL Woman Leader of the Year because of her demonstrated contributions and leadership in the community through her work as the Government Affairs Compliance Officer of Hawaii LECET and several governmental positions, as well as her extensive volunteer service including Soroptimist International of Honolulu (current President), Oahu Workforce Development Board, YWCA, Society of Professional Advocates, Toastmasters, Oahu Real Property Tax Advisory Commission, Oahu Workforce Development Board, and much more. Joy is a true servant leader of our community.

In my experience, Joy has always been thoughtful, thorough, responsive and wise. She has a strong sense of how to navigate challenges and plan effectively with an understanding of many complex factors. I believe these qualities combined with her dedication, expertise and unwavering commitment to our community will make her a valued member of the Planning Commission for the City and County of Honolulu. I enthusiastically and without reservation endorse her appointment to this vital role.

Sincerely,
Ananda Ferreira

Name: Tyler Williams	Email: twilliams@honsador.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Honsador Lumber LLC	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 3, 2023 @ 02:02 PM

Testimony:
To whom it may concern,
In the time I have known Ms. Kimura she has proven to have a high level of knowledge of the industry and associations she is affiliated with and represents. Ms. Kimura portrays a very kind, caring and charismatic personality enabling her to attract, develop and build long term relationships. Ms. Kimura meets and exceeds goals set both on her own and as a team member and leader while reaching the accomplishments in such a way that appears seamless and simple. Joy has been an instrumental addition to the Habitat for Humanity Leeward Golf Classic Charity committee to which Honsador is a proud supporter. Joy's thoughtfulness & eagerness to reach out to those she has supported in an effort that they will support our cause and the other many cause's Joy supports in return is a true testament that Joy puts others in front of herself time and time again. Joy's dedication to community, family and job has earned her a wealth of trust and respect from everyone one she has touched. These are the characteristics of a person and role model anyone should be proud and blessed to have in their organization as a team member and leader.

Name: Karen Piltz	Email: kpiltz@chunkerr.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 3, 2023 @ 02:55 PM

Testimony:
The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair and Members of the Honolulu City Council:

I testify in support of the appointment of Joy Kimura to serve on the Planning Commission.

I have known Ms. Kimura for many years. She is very thoughtful, an independent thinking and has a lot industry insight that will help the Planning Commission make sound decisions on the issues that goes before them. I believe that she will be a very productive and engaged member of the Planning Commission, and will truly serve the Commission with integrity.

Please strongly consider and confirm Ms. Kimura to serve as a member of the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

Name: Carl Miura	Email: carlmiura2020@gmail.com	Zip: 96828
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 3, 2023 @ 08:45 PM

Testimony:

Chair Waters and Honolulu City Council members,

I would like to support the nomination of Joy Kimura (Resolution 23-192) to the Honolulu Planning Commission.

I have known Joy for decades. I find her to be a person of character, honest, and thoughtful. She is actively involved with her community through various groups.

Her background and knowledge working for a important labor-management coalition will be a great addition to the commission. She will provide a valuable perspective to the group.

I ask that you approve her nomination. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Joy Kimura's nomination.

Sincerely,

Carl Miura

Name: Jon Young	Email: kmjguy16@gmail.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 3, 2023 @ 11:09 PM

Testimony:

Dear Chair Waters and Members of the Honolulu City Council:

I offer written testimony in my personal capacity in support of Resolution 23-192, which appoints Joy Kimura to the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

In my experience with Ms. Kimura I have found her to be thoughtful, honest, hardworking, and able to work with people. Her dedication to the cause, combined with her valuable expertise, will benefit the Planning Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Ms. Kimura's nomination to the Planning Commission.

Sincerely,

Jon M. Young

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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 4, 2023 @ 08:44 AM

Testimony for Joy Kimura
Nomination to Honolulu
Planning Commission (HPC)
RES23-192

While holding various elected positions during the last half century I have had the opportunity to recommend a number of qualified individuals to various commissions and boards. But I can say, without reservation, non-more highly qualified and prepared to serve than Joy Kimura.

A glance at her extensive resume reveals an-amazing background of planning experience and responsibility. My own authority to arrive at the conclusion began when Joy was a Congressional Staff Assistant to me in Washington, D.C. I quickly learned I could depend on her to achieve an assignment with dispatch and efficiency. She was a self-starter, confident, completely reliable and possessed of a charming and cheerful disposition – always.

It was no surprise to me when the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) tapped her to oversee operations at their D.C. headquarters. She, of course, went on to succeed in every venue her talents were sought both internationally and in Hawaii.

Her numerous awards and community activities speak volumes concerning her record of good Judgement and service to Hawaii and its people.

The HPC and its mission will be well served and assured of a remarkable foundation of experience and insight with the appointment of Joy Kimura to its membership. I heartily express my support for her nomination.

With Aloha,

Neil Abercrombie
Governor 2010-2014



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Honorable, Tommy Waters Honolulu City Council, Chair
Honorable, Esther Kia'aina, Vice Chair
Honorable Members of the Honolulu City Council

October 2, 2023

RE: RESOLUTION 23-192 CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MS. JOY KIMURA TO SERVE ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Dear Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and Members of the Honolulu City Council,

The Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund (HOEISF). We are a labor management fund representing 3000 unionized members in heavy engineering site work and 500 general contractors specializing in heavy site and vertical construction. **Our organization would like to testify in strong support for Resolution 23-192, confirming the appointment of Ms. Joy Kimura to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.**

Ms. Joy Kimura will make an excellent addition to the Honolulu Planning Commission. Here extensive knowledge in the construction industry will be beneficial to her as a commissioner. Her vast experience working in both the Federal and State government will provide the background and understanding she needs in reviewing county ordinances, rules, and the various county plans that may come before the commission. Lastly, her commitment to the community through her volunteer service will ensure she that has the community and the City and County of Honolulu's best interest in her decision making.

Many members of our organization have had the opportunity to work with Ms. Kimura. Her balanced and common-sense approach to resolving problems has been a great example to our team. She is very detail oriented and is very thorough with her investigation compliance cases and reports. Ms. Kimura is the ideal candidate for the Planning Commission, and she will be a great benefit to the City and County of Honolulu and its constituents.

We therefore respectfully ask that the Council approve Resolution 23-192.

October 4, 2023

Resolution 23-192

Confirming the Appointment of Ms. Joy Kimura to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu

Dear Chair Waters and members of the Honolulu City Council,

I am in strong support of Resolution 23-192, which appoints Ms. Joy Kimura to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

I have worked with Ms. Kimura on many issues dealing with public policy and have always found her to be fair and competent. Ms. Kimura has a history of serving the community through various positions and has been recognized for her efforts with many awards. I am confident that Ms. Kimura will provide sound advice and recommendations regarding all issues in front of the Planning Commission.

Mahalo,

Ryan Sakuda

Testimony: I have had the pleasure of working with Ms. Kimura for five years and find her to bring balanced, thoughtful and measured considerations to the table. She will make an excellent addition to the Planning Commission.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR

SYLVIA LUKE
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR



JADE T. BUTAY
DIRECTOR

WILLIAM G. KUNSTMAN
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

STATE OF HAWAII
KA MOKU'ĀINA O HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
KA 'OIHANA PONO LIMAHANA

October 2, 2023

To: The Honorable Esther Kia'aina, Chair
And Honorable members of the Planning and Economy Committee

Date: Wednesday, October 4, 2023
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: City Council Chamber

From: Jade T. Butay, Director
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

**Re: CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MS. JOY KIMURA TO SERVE ON THE
PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.**

The DLIR **strongly supports** the confirmation of Joy Kimura on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

Ms. Kimura is the Government Affairs and Compliance Director at Hawaii Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust (LECET). In this capacity, she advocates on issues such as affordable housing, construction, development, and renewable energy. Joy also conducts compliance investigations with government agencies and the DLIR on wage theft. Joy works very hard at Hawaii LECET to support more women in Hawaii's construction industry. She was also instrumental in connecting the Executive Director of the Oahu Workforce Development Board with officials at the California Prison Industry Authority and Hawaii State Department of Public Safety, where career training programs for women inmates are now being created.

Ms. Kimura's experience and knowledge in sustainable development and her commitment to expand affordable housing and bolster women will serve the Planning Commission well especially in regard to zoning, general and development plans and special use permits.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Joy Kimura.



August 23, 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write this letter on behalf of Joy Kimura who has submitted her nomination for the Honolulu Planning Commission.

Joy and I serve on the Board of Soroptimist International of Honolulu. Currently, her position is President for the Honolulu Club which will be celebrating our 85th Anniversary. Soroptimist in "Latin" means "Best for Women", which is a global organization that assist woman and young girls in our local communities and around the world. As past President for this organization, it requires commitment, passion, grit and understanding for the women we impact. Joy has demonstrated her commitment as current President to Soroptimist even while maintaining her responsibilities with Hawaii Laborers & Employers Cooperation and Education Trust Fund. Other duties to include being a Full-Time mother, as a mother of twins this is the hardest task of our day. Despite all these duties and commitments, Joy finds herself wanting to dedicate her time to the Honolulu Planning Commission.

I truly believe that Joy Kimura will serve as an asset to the Commission and will bring knowledge, experience, and fairness to her role. As a team player and looking out for the best interest of all parties involved, you need someone with her skill set and professionalism to get the job done.

I humbly ask that you accept this letter of recommendation without prejudice. It is with profound admiration for Joy Kimura that I express this in writing. We value her character, honesty, loyalty and compassion for her peers, Family and Friends, I ask you do the same.

Sincerely,

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Paulette Puaokailikai Suzuki
Vice President/ Private Banking MLO
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BRENNON T. MORIOKA
DEAN

October 2, 2023

The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair
Members of the Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: Testimony in Support of Resolution 23-192
Appointment of Ms. JOY KIMURA to serve on the Planning Commission
of the City and County of Honolulu

Dear Chair and Councilmembers:

I would like to offer my support for Ms. Joy Kimura to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu and ask for your favorable consideration for his nomination.

I have known Joy for about 15 years in both professionally and personally. Joy is a true and committed advocate to the causes she is passionate about and she has always been a contributing member of our community. I have always known her to be of the highest morals and has always done what was right and fair.

I believe Joy will serve the City and its residents with the kind of energy, integrity, and transparency that we all hope for. For these reasons, Ms. Joy Kimura has my full support and I again respectfully ask for your favorable consideration as well.

Sincerely Yours,

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Brennon T. Morioka, PhD, PE
Dean

Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair
Honorable Esther Kiaaina, Vice-Chair
Members of the Honolulu City Council

Re: Reso. 23-192, Nomination of Joy Kimura to the Planning Commission

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice-Chair Kiaaina, and members of the Council:

My name is Stefanie Sakamoto, and I am writing in the strongest support of Resolution 23-192, relating to the nomination of Ms. Joy Kimura to the Planning Commission.

I have known Joy personally for many years, and I have always known her to be highly intelligent and competent, with a strong willingness to serve. Joy will be a valuable and devoted member of the Commission, and her professional and personal accomplishments only enhance her qualifications.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Ms. Joy Kimura.

Mahalo,

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Stefanie Sakamoto

To Whom It May Concern,

Ms. Joy Kimura has been nominated by the honorable Mayor Blangiardi , of the City and County of Honolulu, in the state of Hawaii, to fill the position on the Planning Commission to the City and County of Honolulu. Ms. Joy Kimura is a woman of vast experience within both the government circles as well as within the community in which she resides. She has received many awards, and has been recognized for her achievements both within her professional field as well as within the community as well as within her personal life. Ms. Joy Kimura is very intelligent, and listens very well. She maintains personal discipline at all times. After listening, and after hearing how others comment, she may then venture a comment, which seems to always be of relating to whatever issues may be at hand, on taking a stand, yet at the same time, honoring and respecting the side that she may not necessarily agree with.

With what is going on in society today, Honolulu, as well as all of Hawaii, needs listeners who really listen, and then comments after listening, and if upon cross examination, realizes an error may have been made on her part, is very flexible, and adjusts to what is correct and true.

I know Ms. Joy Kimura as a member of the DBEDT For Business Toastmasters Club, as she is a fellow executive officer in the club. Whereas many of us (myself included), may get emotional and blurt out words we may regret later, Joy is one of those that will not let any type of situation throw her off in emotional ways that would deter from our Toastmasters meetings, system of operations, and challenges that arise. I have learned a long time ago, that how one acts in one setting, one acts in all settings. I have heard of many good things that Joy has done and accomplished outside of Toastmasters, which is consistent to the way she is.

I believe that, we in Honolulu, are very fortunate to have Ms. Joy Kimura available and able, and that she would make an excellent addition to the City And County Planning Commission to help build the vision for our future in Honolulu, and thus the entire state of Hawaii. I urge the powers that be, please support Ms. Joy Kimura as well, and allow her the opportunity to serve all the people in Honolulu. Thank you for allowing me to write this letter of support for Ms. Joy Kimura.

Respectfully Submitted,

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AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO

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City Council
City and County of Honolulu
Regular Meeting

Testimony by
Hawaii Government Employees Association

October 4, 2023

RESOLUTION 23-192, CD1 – CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF
JOY KIMURA TO SERVE ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND
COUNTY OF HONOLULU

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO supports the nomination of Joy Kimura to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

Ms. Kimura has a dedicated track record to public service. She has served in important and influential roles in our state and federal government and in the private sector. Most recently, Ms. Kimura was the Assistant to the Executive Director for the Public Land Development Corporation (PLDC) where she conducted policy research and created programs to support the PLDC's objectives. Furthermore, Ms. Kimura's experience goes beyond Hawaii – where she worked in Taipei, Taiwan as a global marketing manager where she developed and executed international marketing campaigns for various offices across Asia, Europe, and the US. Given her track record and experience, we are confident that Ms. Kimura will be able to provide guidance and direction to the Planning Commission as they navigate and evaluate Oahu's planning needs.

We offer our support and endorsement of Joy Kimura's nomination as a member of the Planning Commission and ask for the favorable consideration for her candidacy.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Perreira
Executive Director

COUNCIL CHAIR TOMMY WATERS

RES23-192

COUNCIL/PUBLIC HEARING (PH), PLANNING AND THE ECONOMY (P&E)

CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MS. JOY KIMURA TO SERVE ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

10 AM meeting

I am testifying in support of Joy Kimura to serve on the planning commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

Joy Kimura served as President-Elect last year in the nonprofit organization, Soroptimist International of Honolulu and is currently the President. Her greatest strengths are integrity, dedication, efficiency, and organization. She has volunteered in blanket making, organizing and collecting carloads of back to school supplies for the homeless shelter; organizing and collecting items for swag bags to give to participating high school girls in Dream It, Be It (college and career readiness conference); planning and organizing large events such as the upcoming 85th Soroptimist Anniversary. She is efficient and detail conscious so the events are successful.

With Joy's skills in planning and management, she will be a strong asset to the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

Patti Laba

Soroptimist International of Honolulu, nonprofit organization

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Aloha! Chair Waters and Members of the Honolulu City Council

I am writing to wholeheartedly recommend Joy Kimura as a candidate for the Planning Commission. I have had the privilege of knowing Joy for several years, and her dedication, intelligence, and commitment to her community are truly exceptional.

Joy's background is impressive and diverse. Born and raised in Hawaii, she is deeply rooted in the local culture and understands the unique needs and challenges of our community. Her education at the University of Hawaii at Manoa provided her with a strong foundation, and her subsequent work in Washington D.C. for U.S. Congressman Neil Abercrombie showcased her early dedication to public service and policy.

What sets Joy apart is her international experience, having spent a decade in Asia, where she not only ran her own business in Japan but also attended National Taiwan University. This international exposure has broadened her perspective and enriched her problem-solving abilities, which are invaluable assets for the Planning Commission.

Currently, Joy serves as the Government Affairs and Compliance Director at Hawaii LECET, where she tirelessly advocates for fair wages and workers' rights on government contracts. Her dedication to ensuring that workers are paid properly reflects her unwavering commitment to fairness and justice.

Furthermore, Joy is deeply involved in her community. She is the President-elect for Soroptimist International of Honolulu, demonstrating her leadership skills and dedication to empowering women and girls. In her spare time, she generously volunteers to assist organizations like the Hawaii Institute for Human Services and Habitat for Humanity, exemplifying her commitment to making our community a better place for all.

In conclusion, Joy Kimura is an outstanding candidate for the Planning Commission. Her background, experience, dedication to public service, and commitment to her community make her exceptionally qualified for this role. I have no doubt that she will bring fresh perspectives, thoughtful insights, and tireless dedication to the commission, and I wholeheartedly endorse her candidacy.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you require any further information or have any questions regarding Joy's qualifications.

Mahalo for this opportunity!

Terry Visperas, MPH



October 3, 2023

The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair,
and Councilmembers
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Waters and Councilmembers:

Subject: RESOLUTION 23-192, C.D. 1 CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MS. JOY
KIMURA TO SERVE ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND
COUNTY OF HONOLULU

I am writing to express my **support** of the subject resolution, confirming the appointment of Ms. Joy Kimura to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

I have known Ms. Kimura for a number of years, having worked together on matters affecting the housing and building industries. She has a wealth of experience in legislative and governmental affairs, as well as numerous other matters. I believe that she will be an excellent contributing member of the Planning Commission, providing representation in the category of land use planning, policies, and principles. She will be diligent in her role and will be fair in her decisions. I urge you to confirm her appointment.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Debra M. A. Luning
Director of Governmental Affairs and
Community Relations



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August 7, 2023

HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

City Council Chamber

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

DATE: Wednesday, August 9, 2023

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON BILL 4 CD2 (2023) - RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF
THE STATE ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE**

**To Council Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia`aina and members of the Honolulu City
Council:**

The Masonry Institute of Hawaii is a promotional, marketing, educational and technical arm of the mason industry in the State of Hawaii. We represent a multitude of mason contractors and supplier members who have a very valuable stake in our industry.

We support the current proposed language in CD2 to Bill 4 (2023) which seeks to update the Building Energy Conservation Code of the City and County of Honolulu. We support the current language regarding the exception for insulation in Concrete, CMU, and mass walls 6 inches or greater in thickness in paragraph (16), which amends Section C402.2.2, and paragraph (40), which amends Section R402.2.5.

We thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony for our industry and appreciate your support.

Respectfully,

Masonry Institute of Hawaii



Randy Perreira
President

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City & County of Honolulu

Testimony by
Hawaii State AFL-CIO

October 3, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 23-192 – RELATING TO JOY KIMURA'S APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING
COMMISSION

The Hawaii State AFL-CIO is pleased to offer our wholehearted support for Resolution 23-192, which seeks to confirm the appointment of Ms. Joy Kimura to the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

Ms. Kimura's nomination represents a significant and positive step for our community. With her extensive experience in government affairs and compliance, Ms. Kimura brings a wealth of knowledge and dedication to public service. Her background and commitment make her a valuable asset to the Planning Commission.

We believe that Ms. Kimura's qualifications and character make her eminently suitable for this important role. Her contributions to the Planning Commission will undoubtedly help in shaping the future of our city and county.

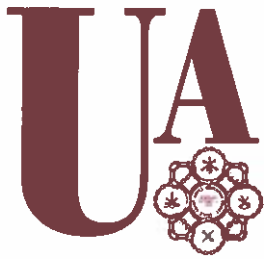
We sincerely request the swift confirmation of Ms. Joy Kimura's appointment to the Planning Commission, as we believe her expertise and passion will greatly benefit our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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Randy Perreira
President



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PLUMBERS AND FITTERS LOCAL 675

UNITED ASSOCIATION



October 3, 2023

To: Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair and Members of the Honolulu City Council

From: Valentino Ceria, Business Manager/Financial Secretary, Plumbers & Fitters United Association Local Union 675

RE: **RES23-192:** Appointment of Ms. Joy Kimura to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu

Dear Chair and Councilmembers,

Aloha, I am Valentino Ceria, Business Manager/Financial Secretary of the Plumbers and Fitters United Association Local Union 675, testifying in support of Joy Kimura to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

I have known Joy for several years and have had the privilege of working closely with her on many important issues. I have been impressed with her abilities as an accomplished professional, her dedication and strong commitment to the community.

Thus, I consider it a great honor to submit this testimony in support of Joy Kimura to serve on the Planning Commission.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Valentino Ceria
Business Manager/
Financial Secretary



October 4, 2023

Councilmember Tommy Waters, Chair
Members of the Honolulu City Council
City and County of Honolulu
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Resolution 23-192 – Relating to the appointment of Ms. Joy Kimura to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu

Hearing Date: October 4, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Aloha Chair Waters and Members of the Honolulu City Council:

I am in **strong support** of Resolution 23-192 appointment of Ms. Joy Kimura to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Joy for over 10 years. She is one of the most exceptional individuals I know who has a strong work ethic. I have no doubt that Joy will approach her role on the Planning Commission with dedication, integrity, and a genuine desire to contribute positively to the development and growth of our community.

I urge you to confirm the nomination of Joy Kimura to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu. Thank you for your consideration of my written testimony.

Sincerely,

Sudagar Dhandapani

Testimony of

Mufi Hannemann

President & CEO, Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association | Former Mayor of Honolulu
Former Honolulu Councilmember | Former DBEDT Director

Honolulu City Council

Resolution 23-192:

Confirming the appointment of Ms. Joy Kimura to serve on the
Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

October 4, 2023

Chair Waters and members of the Honolulu City Council,

I am pleased to express my strong support for Joy Kimura in her appointment to the City and County of Honolulu's Planning Commission. My connection with Joy spans several decades, dating back to my tenure as the director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism during Governor John Waihe'e's administration. At that time, her division within the department played a pivotal role in advancing Hawai'i's standing in the Pacific region. Joy, alongside her immediate supervisor, Richard Bahar, consistently exhibited reliability, creativity, and an impressive ability to follow through on the most challenging tasks.

Having served as a former City Council Member, Chair of the Planning Committee, and eventually as Council Chair, I recognize the paramount importance of having committed citizen volunteers serve on such a critical and demanding commission. My subsequent role as the Mayor of Honolulu further underscored the significance of thoughtful and forward-looking planning decisions, which affect not only the short term but, more importantly, the long-term future of our city.

I have full confidence that Joy Kimura will carry out her duties with distinction and integrity. Her extensive background, encompassing service at both state and federal government levels, private sector experience in the construction industry, and residence in some of Asia's most prominent cities, uniquely positions her to make a substantial and meaningful contribution to the betterment of Honolulu.

It is with wholehearted enthusiasm that I endorse Ms. Kimura's appointment to the Planning Commission, and I sincerely hope that you will share in this sentiment by supporting her nomination.

Sincerely,

Mufi Hannemann
President & CEO, Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association
Former Mayor of Honolulu
Former Honolulu Councilmember
Former DBEDT Director